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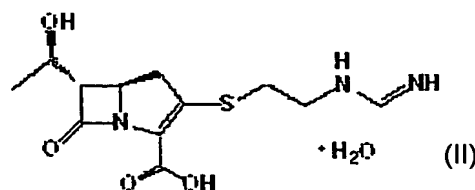
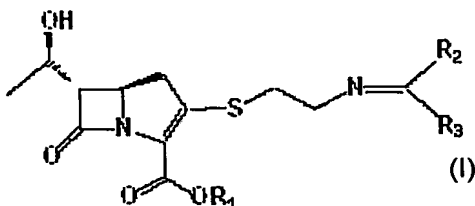
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(57) Abstract: Disclosed herein is a compound of Formula II below: OH wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a p-nitrobenzyl or p-methoxybenzyl, group; and R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> may be identical to or different from each other and are each independently a C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or aryl group, or a derivative thereof, and a process for preparing the compound of Formula II. Further disclosed is a process for preparing imipenem of Formula I below: by using the compound of Formula II.

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